



Park Quest 2017

Get in tune with your senses! Most animals have some senses that are more in tune than others. Eagles are known for having remarkable eyesight. Deer have the ability to rotate their ears, making their sense of hearing remarkable. Vultures can smell carrion from great distances. Catfish have their “whiskers” or barbels that help them feel; they are also covered in tiny hairs instead of scales, so are able to feel vibrations and movement. Each of these animals has one sense that it is well known for. So which is your best sense?

Within your team, divide up the cards in the packet. Maybe you have one team member who has to touch everything? Give them the “I feel with my catfish whiskers” card. If you have a member who is always the first to spot something cool, give them the “I spy with my eagle eye” card. Quest teams with more than four members will have to work with a partner. Teams with less will have to double up. The aim of this quest is to hike the Red Trail from the parking lot to the beach and back, spying, hearing, smelling, and feeling as you go. Bring four completed cards and superlatives sheet to the gate house to “taste” victory and receive your stamp.

Please return entire packet including washable markers for the next team. If the gatehouse is unmanned, call a ranger (443) 975-4360 and they will assist you.



I SPY WITH MY EAGLE EYE...



- ⊗ 1. A mushroom growing on the forest floor.
- ⊗ 2. An osprey diving for fish in the Chesapeake bay
- ⊗ 3. A piece of Maryland’s state fossil “Echphora”



- ⊗ 4. Bright red berries on a holly tree
- ⊗ 5. Butterflies flying around the open areas
- ⊗ 6. Wood duck boxes around the wetlands
- ⊗ 7. People searching for fossils on the beach
- ⊗ 8. Turtles basking in the sun on a log
- ⊗ 9. Deer tracks in the mud



- ⊗ 10. Clouds that look like fluffy cotton



To complete this card, check at least 13/19 of the items listed above.

- ⊗ 11. A slithering snake
- ⊗ 12. Maple seeds that spin like helicopter wings
- ⊗ 13. A dog playing fetch in the water
- ⊗ 14. People fishing in the pond
- ⊗ 15. A beaver lodge in the middle of the wetlands
- ⊗ 16. Ancient scallop shells called “Chesapecten”



- ⊗ 17. Rusted pieces of bog iron (picture)
- ⊗ 18. The cove point lighthouse
- ⊗ 19. Towering cliff arching over the bay

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I HEAR WITH MY DEER EAR...

1. Waves crashing along the beach
2. The splash of a beaver tail
3. Woodpeckers pecking on a tree
4. Frogs chirping in the wetlands
5. A squirrel rustling through the leaves
6. Water flowing down the creek
7. Bees buzzing around the forest
8. Different birds calling out to one another
9. The wind blowing in the marsh grasses
10. The sound of footsteps on the boardwalks along the trail
11. The horn of a big cargo ship
12. The sound of children playing
13. Crickets chirping
14. A Park Ranger explaining types of fossils
15. The pitterpat of rain in the woods
16. A motorboat going by on the bay

To complete this card, check at least 10/16 of the items listed above.

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I SMELL WITH MY VULTURE NOSE...



1. The salty air coming off the Chesapeake bay
2. Pinesap on a pinecone or pine tree
3. Wildflowers in bloom along the trail
4. Wet earth after it rains
5. Freshly cut grass
6. Skunk cabbage growing in the wetlands
7. Stinky marsh mud
8. Sunscreen or bug repellent
9. Someone's picnic lunch
10. A fresh leaf on a tree
11. A dried leaf on the forest floor



To complete this card, check at least 7/11 of the items listed above.

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I FEEL WITH MY CATFISH BARBELS...

1. Gritty sand on the beach
2. Smooth bark on a beech or holly tree
3. Rough bark on a tulip or oak tree
4. Dry crunchy leaves under my feet
5. Cold water flowing between my fingers
6. Prickly pine needles on the forest floor
7. Soft and cold moss at the base of a tree
8. Rubbery tires on the playground
9. Squishy and slippery clay on the beach
10. Spiky gum balls under a sweet gum tree
11. Smooth driftwood
12. A pile of seashells washed up on the beach
13. A slimy slug on the trail
14. The warmth of the sun on my face
15. Water splashing on the beach
16. A crab shell or claw
17. A fossilized shark tooth
18. A smooth pebble

To complete this card, check at least
12/18 of the items listed above.

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